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DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR FITZSIMMONS, FAS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR

SUBJECT: CHERRIES

1. AGATT REPS VISITED MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (MAF) DIRECTOR FRUIT AND FLOWER DIV. HATANAKA AUG 18. HE EXPLAINED ABOUT HEAVY PRESSURE MAF IS/WILL BE UNDER REGARDING CHERRY ISSUE RESULTING FROM RECENT HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE AND INTEREST GROUP LOBBYING EG. VISITS BY VICE GOV. YAMAGATA PREF (8/15), DIET MEMBER YAMANASHI PREF (8/16) MEETINGS WITH NATIONAL COOP LEADERS (8/19) LOCAL PREF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (8/22), MEETING OF YAMAGATA PREF ASSEMBLY (8/23), MAF MEETING WITH DIET MEMBERS (8/25).
2. HATANAKA RE-EMPHASIZED MAF INTENTION TO REACH SOLUTION ON WORKING LEVEL MAF-USDA BASIS. WE REPEATED THINKING EXPRESSED BY FITZSIMMONS DURING AUG 8-12 MEETINGS THAT USDA DESIRE ESSENTIALLY SAME. HOWEVER EMPHASIZED SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION IMPORTANT TO U.S. GROWERS TO WHOM WE OF COURSE COULD NOT DICTATE.
3. WE ASKED HATANAKA CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MAF HAD PROMISED TO REPLY TO U.S. PROPOSAL ON ENTRY DATE. HE

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AGREED, BUT SAID HE BELIEVED CURRENT BEST STRATEGY IS ALLAY PRODUCER/POLITICIAN FEARS AND LET PRESS COVERAGE SUBSIDE. HE HINTED IT MAY BE TOO EARLY FOR MAF TO OFFER COUNTER PROPOSAL, BUT SUGGESTED AGATT WILLIAMS VISIT SENIOR MAF OFFICIALS LATE NEXT WEEK TO PRESS U.S. POSITION FURTHER. ON BASIS MEETING WITH AGATT, MAF WOULD BE IN STRONGER POSITION REACH AGREEMENT VIS-A-VIS DOMESTIC GROWER VIEW

POINTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE FOR OUR INFORMATION
REPORT ON FITZSIMMONS MEETING U.S. GROWERS AUGUST 15
AND RECOMMENDATIONS IF ANY BASED ON MEETING.
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